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## Shift in attitude responsible

# Divorces now commonplace

by CATHY L. BREWER  
 Special to the Battalion

Divorce. Immunization against it has worn off. Gone are the days when it only happened to Hollywood stars and starlets.

Television has traded the calm, domestic bliss of "Father Knows Best" for the chaotic "broken home" of "One Day At A Time."

Men and women now divorce without stigma and without jeopardizing their jobs or careers—even in such sensitive fields as politics or the ministry.

Why has this happened? A great deal of the change can be attributed to a shift in public attitude about the definition of the family.

Bryan attorney Elmer McVey said better job opportunities for women have helped change this attitude.

"The woman doesn't have to feel

trapped in a marriage anymore because of limited financial resources," he said. "But this pursuit of personal

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growth is sometimes resented by the husband, complications set in, and

there you are with one big, fat divorce."

Often these divorces involve children. Currently 20 percent of families with children are maintained by one parent, and a U.S. Census Bureau report estimates 45 percent of all children born in any given year will live with only one of their parents at some time before they are 18.

Teresa Schindler of the Austin Bureau of Vital Statistics said in Brazos County, 204 couples with children were granted divorces in 1979.

A child's reaction to a divorce may differ depending on his age. Dr. Felice Klein, a Bryan marriage and family counselor, said the most difficult age for a child is 5 or 6. "At this age the child is very attached to the parent of the opposite sex," she explained. "The removal of this parent can be detrimental to the child's physical and mental development."

Klein said the role of the marriage and family counselor has gone through many changes in the last 10 years.

"For a long time marriage counseling was considered helpful only if it kept an ailing marriage intact," she said. "But many marriages can't and shouldn't be saved. If a doctor finds that a diseased kidney can't be repaired, he may remove it in order to save the patient's life. The kidney is lost, but the treatment is a success. And so it is with marriage counseling."

Klein said the marriage and family counselor has also taken on a new role, that of divorce counseling. If during the process of counseling, the couple decides not to stay together, the therapist will continue to see them during and after the divorce. "This goes hand in hand with marriage counseling nowadays," she said.

The third and most important change in counseling is the increased concern for the children involved in divorced families. Children are encouraged to air their problems instead of bottling them up. But professional therapists are not the only ones showing increased concern. Schools, at one time reluctant to become involved with the child's

family life, are now beginning to show concern for the child outside the classroom.

The McLean Institute for School Consultation in Belmont, Mass., teaches school personnel to deal with the special problems and needs of children from divorced families.

Peggy White, a counselor at Bryan High School, said the College Station and Bryan school systems are not involved in any specialized training program of this nature. "But we do see our share of students from split families," she said.

The most popular image of the child from a split home seems to be the bully, the child who is constantly getting into trouble at school.

Ernie Wentreck, chief juvenile officer for Brazos County, says the description is not far from the truth. "A significant percentage of the kids I see who have been in some kind of trouble have come from split homes," he said. "I see a definite correlation."

Wentreck supervises two counseling groups for these children: a teenage survival program and a program

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for runaway and truancy cases. The juvenile office on April 7 began offering a family counseling program.

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McVey said women's liberation has changed the courts.

"Women want to be equal, and now they are," he said. "The consequences? I read of a judge in Fort Worth who has awarded 25 percent of his custody cases to the husband this past year."

Section 14.01 of the revised Texas Family Code states that in determining with which parent to place the child, the court shall consider the qualifications of the respective parents without regard to the sex of the parent.

McVey said if the child is 14 or older, the judge will consider his or her desires, but this alone does not determine the outcome.

Recently, couples have turned to joint custody to avoid painful custody fights. Eight states, including Texas, have joint custody provisions.

College Station attorney Mike Hoelscher said joint custody was not allowed in Texas until September 1979. He has had one case of joint custody.

Nancy Hawtree of the Bryan law firm, Seymour, Hawtree & Hankins said joint custody is virtually unheard of in this area.

"Joint custody is a new thing. This is a conservative area. People don't branch out and try new things," she said.

McVey is skeptical of joint custody. "How can a parent or a judge allow this to happen to a child?" he asked. "The father has the kid for one month, the mother for the next, then the father again. Can you imagine the confusion the child would have? It would be like going through their parents' divorce a hundred times."

And so the struggle goes on. Parents, children and professional counselors battle with the new domestic reality of the single-parent family, as families continue to split at an alarming rate.



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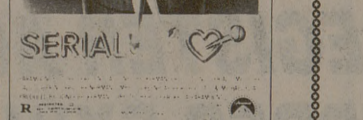
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